

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish

St. Columba † Fredericton Junction Sts. John & Paul † New Maryland St. Dunstan's † Fredericton

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September 27th, 2020 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Have you heard about Alpha? When Bishop Christian visited Our Lady of Peace parish last month, he talked about the Alpha program and how it can help revitalize parishes. Alpha is perfect for parents, people who have been away from the church, people who are exploring their faith and perfect for those wanting to renew or grow their relationship with Jesus.

During the sessions we will be looking at some of the big questions in life - Is there more to life than this? Why is there suffering? Why have faith? Alpha is an ecumenical program, so everyone is welcome! It is a safe place to express your thoughts and ask questions. *Online Alpha Course offered by Our Lady of Peace Parish beginning Thursday, October 1st from 7:00 to 8:15 pm.* Alpha is perfect place to discuss the big questions of life, introduce people to God or renew your own relationship with Jesus. Alpha is open to everyone! Who will you invite? To register please email pattycameron@ourladyofpeacefredericton.ca.

U EVANGELIZE VIRTUAL SUMMIT

I don't know if you've heard of the U Evangelize Virtual Summit, but it is a fantastic 3-hour LIVE event happening this Saturday at 12pm-3pm Eastern. The Summit features George Weigel, Dr. Mary Healy, Marcel LeJeune and other world-class speakers tackling the topic of how we evangelize in uncertain times like these. You can register for FREE here: <https://uevangelize.org/virtualsummit/> There are so many institutions that have been frozen by the pandemic... but the mission of the Church can never stop! Join me at this event this weekend if you are free. And tell anyone you know who cares deeply about the mission of the Church.

Wilmot United Church require additional volunteers for their weekly Wednesday Lunch Program for the vulnerable in our community. Required hours are 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. All Covid-19 protocol is being followed. For further information please contact Lynn MacKinnon at 999-3126.

Father John Fraser will be coming to Fredericton on Monday, October 5th at 11:30 am to sell his book 'THE BIBLE THE HOLY LAND AND ME'. Books are \$20 each and can be pre-ordered by emailing Fr. Fraser at fraserjohn082@gmail.com or by calling the parish office 444-6001. The 212-page book tells of early encounters through school and college. The journey then takes you through the Holy Land and many experiences there. Many bible references are included.

Please see the following Notes at the back of this Bulletin:

- 1. Note from Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter to all Parents of St. Mary Magdalene Parish regarding Children's Faith Formation/Religious.**
- 2. Note from Fr. Bill Outlining the Protocols for attending Sunday Mass.**

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Columba Church Site

Sun 27th 9:00 am Vincent McCann
 Sun 4th 9:00 am Theresa Comeau

Sts. John & Paul Church Site

Sun 27th 11:00 am Mable Goodine
 Sun 4th 11:00 am Edmond Doucet and
 Mario Doucet

St. Dunstan's Church Site

Sat 26th 5:00 pm Clement Fougere
 Sun 27th 9:00 am Sherry & Janice Noseworthy
 27th 11:30 am Linda Theriault
 Sat 3rd 5:00 pm Clair Gilmore
 Sun 4th 9:00 am Landry & Godin DFM
 4th 11:30 am Veronica Campbell

Mass Intentions: Contact Marlita Chase (Parish Office 444-6001). Indicate at which Church Site that you want the Mass celebrated. stdun@stdunstanspariash.ca.

NECROLOGY

Sep 28	Rev James Edward Dunn	1987
	Earl Lawrence Mitton	1991
	Frank Ryan	1999
	Clarence Joseph Johnston	2002
	Josefina Soares Lei	2009
Sep 29	Muriel Mary McLean	1996
Sep 30	George H Belanger	1990
Oct 1	J Raymond Savage	1985
	L Clifton S Roxborough	1998
	Margaret J Harvey	2002
	Barbara Ann Kelly	2012
	Herman Scholten	2017
Oct 2	Emile El-Khoury	1996
	Mary Theresa Sauntry	2004
	Sonny Grasse	2018
Oct 3	Rev John R Sullivan	1983
	James Hugh Greene	1996
Oct 4	Francis Claire Wedge	1992
	Yolanda Valentino	2001
	Anna Agatha Warner	2005
	Jacqueline Patricia Breau	2010

Readings for October 4th

1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
 2nd Reading Philippians 4:6-9
 Gospel Matthew 21:33-43



Volunteers needed for Masses at St. Dunstan's Site: We need 6 attendants at each Mass to welcome, screen, collect your contact information, offer direction about sanitizing, offertory and seating as you arrive for Mass. This is all an essential aspect of gathering safely according to government guidelines as we live this pandemic reality.

If you are interested and able to assist please choose one of the three Weekend Masses and you will be assigned on a rotating basis so as not to be tied up each weekend. There will be training for the role and it will require arriving for Mass 45 minutes before Mass begins. To sign up please phone or email the Parish Office and give both your phone number and email.

Holy Communion distributed in your vehicle between 10:15 am and 10:30 am Sunday at St. Dunstan's site.

The Catholic Health Association of New Brunswick is offering two (2) Scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 each, they will be awarded to one (1) student studying in a French educational institution and one (1) student studying in an English educational institution. Students must be entering their second year of studies or later, in a post-secondary program in the field of health care. Information and application forms are available online at www.chanb.com. Applications must be postmarked by September 30th 2020. For further information please email catholichealth@chpci.com.



Lebanon: Development and Peace - Caritas Canada accepting donations to support hardest hit populations

Development and Peace wishes to convey its solidarity with the Lebanese people and with all of our partners in Lebanon, after the tragic explosions that shook the capital of Beirut, Lebanon, on August 4, 2020. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the people affected by this disaster and those who have lost loved ones.

Urgent needs

The shock wave is immense, and the needs of local communities are growing.

Our partners on the ground are already working to assess the situation and help those impacted by this disaster. Affected communities will need food, clean water, health care and shelter. The explosions destroyed a large proportion of the seed stored in the port, leading to fears of increased food insecurity in a context that was already greatly unstable due to the crisis.

Development and Peace partners quickly mobilizing

Our partners on the ground in Lebanon need your help to reach as many people as possible. Each donation makes a difference.

How can you help?

You can help by contributing to our Emergency Fund - Crisis in Lebanon to support the people hardest hit by this disaster.

Go to our website: **devp.org** and click on **DONATE NOW**, or call toll-free: 1-888-234-8533. Thank You

Development and Peace is participating in the Humanitarian Coalition's Lebanon Crisis appeal through its active membership in Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

Our local Development and Peace, Diocesan Council, are holding their Annual General Meeting virtually using the ZOOM app, on Tuesday, September 15th at 7 PM.

Please consider joining us and seeing what D & P is still doing in these challenging times. Pre-registration by September 8th is necessary however, by sending your name and e-mail address to Chris McAloon at:

dc.sj.devdp@outlook.com

We look forward to having you join us, and connecting with others who are committed to the work of development and peace within our Catholic Church, and beyond. Thanks so much for your ongoing and vital support to helping our sisters and brothers in the Global South and elsewhere.

LECTORS SCHEDULE FOR STS JOHN AND PAUL CHURCH SITE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
September 27 th	Albert & Margaret Murray
October 4 th	Ray & Anita Allain
October 11 th	Lorraine Bird
October 18 th	Lynda MacNeil
October 25 th	Fred & Mary Farrell
November 1 st	Mike MacIntosh

Please continue to tune into the **Live Stream Mass** through our Website on Sunday at 9 am. It will also be uploaded to the Homepage so you can view it at another time. To live stream, google St. Dunstan's Church Fredericton and look for a 'click here' button right below the two Video Screens. The Mass will be uploaded to one of those Video Screens.

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook

Outreach to Those in Need: During this Pandemic our local Food Banks, Fredericton Community Kitchen and Homeless Shelters are making tremendous efforts in providing for those in need. Our parish has been able to contribute to these through our Poor and Needy Fund that you contribute to regularly. We have been able to assist other efforts as well focused on the most vulnerable at this time. If you would like to contribute to any these programs just go to their website and follow directions on making donations to them.

Note from Fr. Bill and Fr. Peter to all parents of St. Mary Magdalene Parish regarding Faith Formation/Religious Education:

Hi Parents of the Children and Youth in our Religious Education/Faith Formation programs at St. Mary Magdalene Parish,

Greetings! We trust that your summer has been a good one, even with (or maybe even because of), the challenges that the Pandemic has brought us.

We know you are wondering what will be offered in regards to the Faith Formation/Religious Education for our children. The following comes from conversations with the coordinators at all three Church Sites and the Faith Formation Committee at St. Dunstan's Site:

1. We will wait until October to implement a plan for religious education for children and youth. Parents will be necessarily occupied through September with getting their children back to school and the many demands this requires during the pandemic. This also gives us as a parish, time to evaluate how things are going within the school system before we venture forward with any in-person aspect of the religious education program.
2. We have not yet opened our Church sites, except for Sunday/Weekend Masses and our office is open for employees. Others can access the office by appointment. We will not open our Parish Centers (Halls) until we feel we can safely do so, and with proper protocols. We will continue to evaluate this. However, for this year (October through May), we will offer options for parents to tend to the religious formation of your children at home. We are presently working on options that will allow you to have 10 to 20 sessions of approximately 30 to 45 minutes each. You all have different circumstances to consider as you provide this for your children. It is important that you are able to offer something and the amount of time and energy you can realistically give to this depends on many factors that are particular to each of you. Just do what you can and God will be able to do great things with you and your children.
3. For the Youth (Grades 7-9), we will be offering something on-line in conjunction with other parishes. This will not require the parents to lead or facilitate.

4. Once we open our Parish Centers (Halls) for gatherings, we will consider safe ways for families of our Religious Education Program to gather periodically as a support to what they are doing at home.
5. For those who were to celebrate First Communion and/or Confirmation this past April/May, we will be in touch soon to offer you possibilities for this to happen in the Fall.
6. We will be in touch in mid to late September with Options for 'at-home' sessions and a registration form.

Scripture Quotes that bring hope and encouragement:

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4: "Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God."

Romans 8: 38: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

John 14: 26-27: "The Holy Spirit will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

In the meantime, be assured of our prayers as you head into September with all of the excitement and challenges involved.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Brennan and Fr. Peter Osborne

Other Links:

Live Stream Link to Website:

<https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>

St. Mary Magdalene Facebook:

Daily TV Mass – <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass>

Weekdays at 9 am and 1 pm.

Diocese of Saint John <http://dioceseofsaintjohn.org>

The following is a link to *The New Freeman*

<http://newfreeman.ca/>

Our Sacred Stories: God & Us

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus

(Phil 2:5)

(Fr John Jennings)

Whether we acknowledge it or not, we all want peace. We want it for our world, we want it for our communities, for our families and we even desire an interior peace for ourselves. To live in peace with one another is a key to healthy relationships. If we look around us and even within ourselves, we can see we are often without peace.

Our world and is divided in so many ways, nations, political views, races and religious beliefs, cultural variations and linguistic divisions. How often these divides and differences imperil our relationships and the peace for which we long. They often lead to violence and war, domination and exploitation. They threaten life and well-being for us all.

This is not what God's dream is for our creation and life. God's Reign is not intended to be this way. The Reign of God is to be marked by peace and reconciliation, by mercy, love and compassion for all. We are one humanity under God's heaven and we share a creation that is entirely a gift of God's love. That this Reign of God is among is central to Jesus's mission and message. As disciples of Jesus our call is to hold this message and share it as our mission as well.

The message and mission are not always held firmly in our hearts and actions. We know what we want and hope, but our actions reveal our inabilities and lack of will. The Gospel writer, Matthew relates a story, a parable of Jesus. It tells of a man who had two sons. One he asked to go work in the vineyard. This son said he would go, but did not. A second son, when told to go, said he would not, but he had a change of heart and in fact did go. (Matt 21:28-32) This is a story of discipleship and commitment, of willingness to accept the call and carry it into action.

The story expresses the reality of our life as disciples. Often, we commit, but do not carry it further. We need to know that even if we reject the call or fail in the commitment, we can have a change of heart. God's Reign is never beyond our reach, for God is a God of love, compassion and mercy. God never gives up on us, nor should we. Hope is eternal, in God's Reign.

If there is a contribution, we as a Christian community can bring to our world, it is the gift of peace for all. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be this gift for one another, for our communities and for our world. The earliest Christian communities were recognized by some for how they lived with one another.

Almost 2000 years ago, a Christian writer, Tertulian (c.160-220), noted the way non-Christians around his community regarded the Christians. As he wrote, they said: "See . . . how they love one another and how they are ready to die for each other." It is how we live that speaks to our world.

During the Jubilee Year called by Pope Francis in 2015-16, he highlighted a single virtue, MERCY. This virtue forms the basis of peace and reconciliation in all relationships. It must mark us as a Church and individually as disciples of Jesus. Mercy allows us to be open to people where they are. It helps us to be non-judgmental as Church and as persons. It calls us to be ready to heal the wounds and hurts of our world. Mercy is to be the face that every community of Christians presents.

Mercy is the key to living like Jesus whose disciples we are. Above all, it leads us to a living faith that brings compassion and peace for all of humanity. This is the message and the mission of Jesus.

"Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5)

Note from Fr. Bill: Some are asking how the new Provincial Government regulation that allows for people to have one-meter distancing as long as we are wearing a mask will affect our protocols in the parish for attending Mass. Presently we are able to accommodate everyone that is attending by using the 2-meter social distancing and so we will continue to do that as an additional precaution for safety. However, as our gatherings increase in number and because we wear masks throughout the Mass, we have an option to revisit our seating arrangements at each site and will do so as is necessary with the numbers who are attending. I will keep you informed as changes are made. For now, we will be maintaining the two-meter distancing until I inform you of a change. However, it does allow us more freedom in people needing to leave their seat to use the bathroom facilities. You will be able to use bathroom facilities at any time because we are maintaining the wearing of masks for everyone throughout the Mass except for those under 2 years of age and those with medical conditions preventing them from using a mask. We will continue the use of masks throughout the full Mass because we are not always able to keep the 2-meter distancing for seating people and movement that is necessary during the Mass for such things as bathroom use. Please see the Bulletin below regarding our protocols when attending church services.

1. We need to have the name and phone number of every person who attends as 'follow up' information should an incident happen.

- You are free to choose the Mass you desire to attend.

-We will keep the lists we have for St. Columba and Sts John and Paul Site and your name will be checked as you enter the church and are screened. If you are not on the list, just come to Mass and your name and phone number will be added.

-For St. Dunstan's Site, you will be asked to fill out an information sheet with your name (and each family member's name who is attending with you) and a contact phone number. You will be asked to place it in a box when you arrive. It will be helpful if you fill this information out before you come to Mass and bring it with you. The sheet is attached.

2. You will be asked the following screening questions.

- Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, cough, sore throat, head ache, runny nose, a new cough or worsening chronic cough, new onset of fatigue, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell; in children, purple marking on the fingers and toes?
- Have you had close contact within the last 14 days with a confirmed case of Covid-19?
- Have you been diagnosed with Covid-19?
- Have you returned from travel outside of Atlantic Canada within the last 14 days for any reason other than work purposes in another province?
- Have you had close contact with anyone from outside of Atlantic Canada in the past 14 days?
- Have you been told by a public health official that you may have been exposed to Covid-19

3. You will need to wear a mask throughout the Mass unless for health reasons you can not wear a mask or you are under 2 years of age.

4. You will be asked to sanitize your hands on entering and exiting the church.

5. You will be seated in orderly fashion from front to back.

6. Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of the Mass as you leave. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only.



Office of the Bishop

2020-2021 Pastoral Year Letter – “Towards a
Renewed Personal Encounter with Jesus”
A Call to the Clergy and Lay Faithful of the
Diocese of Saint John

September marks the beginning of a new pastoral year. The last few years have presented significant challenges for our Diocese, including the difficult amalgamation process for a number of our parishes and the pandemic. Yet despite these challenges Jesus never leaves us orphans. The Holy Spirit is on the move, and this gives us reason to hope. St. Paul reassures us, “Hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Romans 5:5).

As we continue to face the uncertainties of our time, I am calling on all of the faithful to focus on the mission of evangelization and the renewal of our Diocese. This begins when people encounter Jesus Christ and are transformed. Christ, who promised us that he would be with us “always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20), is present to us in so many ways. Paragraph 1373 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us,” is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church’s prayer, “where two or three are gathered in my name,” in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister. But “he is present ... most especially in the Eucharistic species.” The sacraments are the privileged ways, the most powerful ways that God shares his divine life with us and enables us to grow in our friendship with him. We encounter Jesus especially in the Eucharist, and in prayer, particularly before the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis tells us that, “the Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God’s word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged “place” for our encounter with God.” (*Message for the 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2017*). What a grace it is to spend such intimate time with our Lord! I have encouraged our pastors to offer times of

Eucharistic adoration in their parishes, and am asking the faithful to take advantage of these times so that we can grow deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus. Let us devote some of the time spent in adoration to pray not only for renewal in our Diocese and parishes, but also for much needed vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

So as to afford people more opportunities to encounter Christ, I am also asking parishes to offer one tool of evangelization beginning this fall. Some excellent programs include Alpha (which means “beginning”, and is a program covering the basics of Christianity designed to reach the unchurched), Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO) faith studies, or the ChristLife Evangelization Process. It is my hope that many will participate in courses like these in order to rekindle the fire in our hearts and ignite the desire to know Christ and share him with others.

When we experience a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ who gives meaning to our lives, and our hearts are on fire for Jesus, we cannot help but want to fulfill our God-given mission from baptism to be the missionary disciples that we are called to become. We are compelled to reach into the community and serve in various areas of need as apostles of mercy. As the Holy Father tells us, “When evangelizers rise from prayer, their hearts are more open; freed of self-absorption, they are desirous of doing good and sharing their lives with others.” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, par. 282). I encourage you to find out which outreach programs your parish supports, and seek out opportunities to serve in your community. It is also through such acts of charity that we encounter the Lord.

Please be assured of my ongoing pastoral solicitude and prayers, as we unite ourselves to the mission of evangelization and renewal. Let us give God permission to move in power in our Diocese, staying close to him in the Word and sacraments and in prayer. May we come alive in our faith, and proclaim him to a world in desperate need of the hope he promises.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us!

✠ Christian Riesbeck, CC
Bishop of Saint John

September 21, 2020
Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

We share the following Memorandum from
Fr. Doug McNeill with you:

MEMORANDUM

From: Rev. Douglas McNeill

Episcopal Vicar for Temporal Affairs

To: Pastors and the Parish Office

Re: 2020 Collections

Date: July 28, 2020

We have received notification from the CCCB and the Development and Peace Office of the yearly collections that are taken up during various times of the year, due to the current COVID-19 Crisis with additional collection dates. Realizing that many parishes have envelopes in their packets and people have continued to support these various collections, the CCCB and Development and Peace have issued alternate dates, for the convenience of the faithful.

We ask that you inform your parishioners of these additional dates and the other Fall collections and advertise them accordingly.

Needs of the Canadian Church Sept 27

Papal Charities (May 9th) Oct 4

Evangelization of the Nations Oct 18
(World Mission Sunday)

Development & Peace (Lent) Nov 15

Diocesan Collection for Infirm Priests Nov 22

Pro-Life Dec 6

This year, **World Mission Sunday** is on October 18, 2020. This is a world-wide celebration of and collection for the missionary Church. The funds raised will go to emergency aid when disasters strike, to care for refugees in war torn nations, to establish and support rural health clinics, and to provide for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions often and please be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Offertory totals for Sept 19th & 20th will be available in next weekends Bulletin.

Offertories: Sep 20	Total	St C	Sts J&P	St D
Weekly, at Mass	\$5,162	\$450	\$515	\$4,197
Weekly, average PAD	\$3,457	\$50	\$952	\$2,454
YTD Offertories (Actual)	\$344,754	\$17,179	\$55,898	\$271,677
YTD Offertories (Budget)	\$486,078	\$24,655	\$68,049	\$393,373
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$141,324)	(\$7,476)	(\$12,151)	(\$121,696)
Poor & Needy	\$435	\$0	\$0	\$435
Building fund	\$260	\$0	\$100	\$160
Other	\$200	\$0	\$100	\$100
# PAD users	132	1	31	100
# Envelopes used	142	25	20	97
# Envelopes issued	727	71	66	590

CAN WE HELP?

During these days we all need to be conscious of what people are living with so we can be of assistance. We never know when we may need to know contacts for ourselves or others who need help, protection, safety and direction. Our Parish Bulletin is an instrument available to us to be informed. Domestic Violence is one such area to be well informed about and so please become familiar with the following:

The following community organizations are connections to provide support and guidance on how to recognize domestic or intimate partner violence, how to seek assistance if you are a victim, a child or a bystander who wants to help. The following organizations have professionals trained in how to assist and link people to the appropriate resources within our community. People who are in the midst of a threatening or violent event are reminded that 911 is the first option.

- Transition House for Abused Women and Children: 459-2300 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 457-2770 (Daytime Business Line)
- Gignoo Transition House: 458-1224 (24 Hour Crisis Line), 458-1236 (Daytime Business Line)
- Chimo Helpline (Provincial Crisis Line): 450-4357 or <<http://www.chimohelpline.ca>>www.chimohelpline.ca

Options for your offertory contributions available to you at this time.

- Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) you can make your donations through a debit at your bank on a weekly, semi-monthly or monthly basis. There is a PAD form you can receive by contacting the office. You would have to fill out and return to the office along with a copy of a voided cheque. Form available at <https://stdun7.wixsite.com/stdunstansparish>
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) You can e-transfer your offertory at any time with this option, if you do online banking. You would use the following email address: stdun@stdunstansparish.ca

Website: Michael Minifie, Business and Facilities Manager is designing a new Website that will be St. Mary Magdalene Parish Website. We will inform you when it is in operation. This will reflect our new parish reality rather than having a St. Dunstan's and a St's John and Paul website. In the meantime, as you know, we are using the St. Dunstan's Website for all of our on-line and live stream events.